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We have asked the Health Officers to follow up cases and find out if any ailments or complications arise and have them treated in hospitals. We have instructed the Director of Medical Services to give directions to D.M.Os. to pay special attention to cases which are reported to have resulted from B.C.G. vaccination. No necessity is found for sanctioning any special staff for this purpose.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY: It is stated that B.C.G. vaccination can have good results only in the case of well-nourished children. It is a notorious fact that our children in the mufassal are ill-fed and undernourished. Will the Government see that in cases where B.C.G. vaccination is given to the children in the mufassal, they are given free nourishing food?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: B.C.G. vaccination is specially necessary for underdeveloped countries with ill-nourished people where the rate of infection from tuberculosis is high and where mortality rates are high. It is much more necessary here than in other countries where people are well-fed and where the incidence of tuberculosis is comparatively low.

Removal of untouchability

* 2607 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the reasons for not implementing the scheme of the Union Government for the removal of untouchability so far?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: The presumption of the hon. Member that the schemes for the Removal of Untouchability have not been implemented so far, is not correct.

* 2608 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state with reference to the answers to question No. 45 answered on 4th December 1954 and No. 1437 answered on 18th March 1955:

(*a*) the contribution of the Central Government towards the Two-Year Plan for the removal of untouchability; and

(*b*) the sum allotted for the purpose by the State Government?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: (*a*) & (*b*) A contribution of Rs. 38,000 was made by the Government of India for expenditure on the schemes for the Removal of Untouchability during 1954–55. This Government contributed an equal amount. A ceiling grant of Rs. 5 lakhs has been tentatively fixed by the Government of India for 1955–56. Schemes costing Rs. 14,39,100 have been sent to the Government of India for approval and a grant of Rs. 10,03,614 has been claimed from the Government of India. The balance will be met by this Government.

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9-40 a.m. Sri P. G. MANICKAM : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, கடந்த மே மாதம் 23-ந் தேதி கோயம்புத்தூருக்கு விஜயம் செய்த இந்திய சர்க்கார் உள் நாட்டு மந்திரி ஸ்ரீ தத்தார் கிராமங்களில்தான் ஹரிஜனங்களுடைய நிலைமை மிகவும் மோசமாக இருக்கிறதென்றும், அவர்களுடைய நிலைமையை சீர்படுத்துவதற்கு இந்திய சர்க்கார் 60 லட்சம் ரூபாய் ஒதுக்கியிருப்பதாகவும் குறிப்பிட்டார்கள். அதுவும் பிரசாரத்தின் மூலம் அவர்களுடைய நிலைமையை சரிப்படுத்துவதற்காக இந்தப் பணம் ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருப்பதாகச் சொன்னார். தீண்டாமை ஒழிப்புப் பிரசாரம் கிராமங்களில்தான் நடைபெறவேண்டும். ஆனால் நமது சர்க்கார் இதற்காக ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் பணத்தைக் கொண்டு வேறு சில திட்டங்களை வகுத்திருக்கிறார்கள். அதைவிட்டு கிராமங்களில் தீண்டாமை ஒழிப்புப் பிரசாரத்திற்காகவே இந்தப் பணத்தைச் செலவிட முன் வருவார்களா ?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : போட்டிருக்கும் திட்டங்கள் எல்லாம் கிராம மக்களின் நன்மையைக் குறித்துத்தான் போடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. ஸ்ரீ தத்தார் சொன்னதும் இதுதான்.

Sri M. DHARMALINGAM : May I know from the Hon. Minister whether any direction has been received from the Central Government as to the methods that this State Government will have to adopt for the removal of untouchability? Are the Government aware of the fact that the method adopted by the State Government is not useful in any way? If so, will the Government consider the need for devising better ways and means through which the status of the Harijans could be raised and improved?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : Sometime ago, I placed on the table of the House a scheme submitted by the Government of Madras to the Government of India for the removal of untouchability. If there are any other suggestions that the hon. Member wants to make apart from the suggestions that we have already made, he can make them and we will see whether they could also be included in the suggestions that we may be making to the Government of India in course of time.

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Has the Hon. Minister tried the matrimonial method in its practical form? (Laughter.)

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : Inter-caste marriages are encouraged during Harijan Day celebrations in every district and every taluk. But it is not included in the scheme.

Kadambarayapatti-South Kolatoor-Manaparai road

* 2609 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the full length of Kadambarayapatti-South Kolatoor-Manaparai Road had been laid before sanction was accorded for metalling it ;

(*b*) whether any objections and representations have been received against the metalling of the above road in (*a*) from the residents of adjoining villages ;

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon ; and

(*d*) the alternate route proposed by the objectors?